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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/617,976	SCRIBNER ET AL.
	Examiner Pedro Philogene	Art Unit 3733

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 October 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 2,3,7,8,13,16,19,20,24,25 and 29-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,3,7,8,13,16,19,20,24,25 and 29-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>10/6/05</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/06/05 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2,3,7,8,13,16,1920,24,25,29-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Scholten et al. (5,108,404) in view of Preissman (6,383,190).

With respect to claims 2, 32, Scholten et al disclose a system comprising: an access tool or cannula(30) sized and configured to establish an access path through soft tissue to bone having an interior volume occupied, at least in part by cancellous bone, a void forming tool (76) sized and configured to be introduced through the access path to form a void in cancellous bone, a nozzle; as set forth in column 7, lines 45-47, sized and configured to pass through the access path and including an interior bore

defining a fixed interior volume to receive and deliver a measured volume filling material into the void; as set forth in column 7, lines 45-68.

Although Scholten et al teach of advancing material through the nozzle, it is noted that Scholten et al. did not teach of an auxiliary tool sized and configured to be advanced through the interior bore and urge filling material from the nozzle; as claimed by applicant. However, in a similar art, Preissman evidences the use of an auxiliary tool sized to apply pressure to a measured implantable material through a cannula and deliver the material to a desired site.

Therefore, given the teaching of Preissman, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate an auxiliary tool in the device of Scholten et al; as taught by Preissman to apply pressure to a measured implantable material through a cannula and deliver the material to a desired site.

With respect to claims 3,7,8,13,16,19,20,24,25,29-31,33-36, the above combination of references teaches all the limitations; as set forth in Scholten et al., column 4, lines 23-68, column 5-8, lines 1-68, column 9, lines 1-31, and as best seen in FIGS. 1-34 of Scholten et al., and as set forth in columns 3-5, lines 1-67, and as best seen in FIGS.1-23 of Preissman.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pedro Philogene whose telephone number is (571) 272-4716. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert can be reached on (571) 272 - 4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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December 14, 2005


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